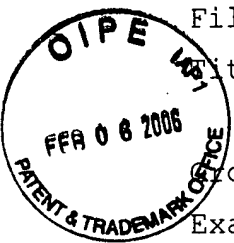


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In re Application of: Edwin C. Bartlett  
Serial No.: 10/811,691  
Filing Date: 03/29/2004  
Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ANCHORING  
SUTURES  
Group Art Unit: 3731  
Examiner: Gary Jackson  
Attorney's Docket No.: MIT-60 CON 6



Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicant hereby petitions for a one (1) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed October 18, 2005 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from January 18, 2006 to February 18, 2006.

A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Large Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

Thank you.

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